

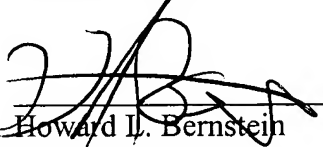
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

New U.S. Patent Application to Katsuhiko TAKAHASHI et al.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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